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## Inventory of the Air Resources Board Records

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#### Agency History

Beginning in 1954 the state air pollution program was centered in the State Department of Public Health, Air Sanitation Division, and later shared with the Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Board, created in 1959 (Assembly Bill 17, Cameron Bill). The 1967 Legislature passed the Mulford-Carrell Act that related directly to the Federal Clean Air Act of 1967. This act combined the state air pollution control programs and formed a new agency, the Air Resources Board (ARB).

The Air Resources Board is responsible for the control of motor vehicle emissions (Pure Air Act) and also coordinates state and local programs to control nonvehicular emissions. The goal of the ARB is to control air pollution from all sources to meet the air quality standards in all parts of California.

The board is involved in various activities relating to air pollution. It sets air quality standards, maintains a state wide network of air quality surveillance and inventory of air pollution sources, adopts standards and test procedures for emissions from motor vehicles, approves motor

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vehicle emissions control systems, maintains surveillance over the effectiveness of motor vehicle emission control systems, coordinates control of air pollution within the fourteen air basins in California, reviews the rules and regulations of local and regional air pollution control agencies, provides technical assistance to local air pollution control agencies, and may enforce control of nonvehicular sources if local agencies fail to do so.

The administrative staff and technical staff are located in Sacramento. The ARB laboratory is in El Monte.

Folder F3935:1-80 Meeting Files/Minutes. 1968-1971, 1975-1976.

**Physical Description:** 80 file folders.

**Scope and Content Note**

Arranged Chronologically

The records include reports, technical studies, resolutions, public hearings, proposals, and executive committee meeting files of the Air Resources Board (ARB). Also included is the Environmental Quality Study Council's proposals and recommendations to the ARB concerning land use, air quality, water resources, and noise abatement. Subjects reflected in the ARB meeting files concern emission control standards, vehicle emission measurements, test procedures for emission control devices, and resolutions to change emission standards and testing procedures. Progress reports concerning California air quality including Governor Reagan's 1969 report are also found in these files.

## 2. Motor Vehicle Emission Control Files. 1960-1970.

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Folder F3935:81 ~~2.40~~ Motor Vehicle Emission Control Files. 1960-1970.

**Physical Description:** 67 files.

**Scope and Content Note**

Arranged Chronologically

The records include reports, studies, correspondence, and committee files of the motor vehicle emission control board.

Subjects include plans to enforce emission control devices, testing procedures of control devices, budget analysis of testing procedures, and descriptions of automakers plans for smog control devices.

### 3. Correspondence. 1960-1970.

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Folder F3935:14931 **Correspondence. 1960-1970.**

**Physical Description:** 10 files.

**Scope and Content Note**

Arranged Chronologically

The records include correspondence from politicians, interest groups, and citizens to the ARB. Subjects range from complaints about smog devices to ideas for new legislation regarding air pollution.

#### 4. Reports and Studies. 1960-1970.

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Folder F3935:15841 **Reports and Studies. 1960-1970.**

**Physical Description:** 6 file folders.

**Scope and Content Note**

Arranged Chronologically

The records include surveillance reports of exhaust emission controls conducted by Scott Research Laboratories for the ARB.

Folder F3935: **5. Subject Files. 1969- 1973.**

164-220.

**Physical Description:** 57 file folders.

**Scope and Content Note**

Arranged chronologically and alphabetically by subject at the at the file folder level.

The subjects contained in these files reflect the relationship between the Air Resources Board, private citizens, various state, local and federal agencies, industry, and regional pollution control districts. The records include reports, technical studies, resolutions, proposals, interagency agreements, hearings and minutes of the Air Resources Board. Subjects within these files concern air basin and air pollution control districts sitings and budget analysis, departmental administration and organization, power plant emission control standards, test procedures for emission control devices, vehicle emissions measurements, resolutions to implement change in emission standards and testing procedures, alternative fuel and transit proposals, and miscellaneous reports and correspondence ranging from environmental toxicology reports to floodplain management.

Folder F3935: **6. George Taylor Files. 1973-1976.**

221-247.

**Physical Description:** 27 file folders.

**Scope and Content Note**

Arranged chronologically.

The subjects contained in these files were created to reflect the relationship between the Air Resources Board and its Assistant Administrative Officer, George Taylor. The records include correspondence, reports, and administrative files. Subjects within these files concern administrative budget analysis, activities assessments of the Air Resources Board, emergency evaluation and planning in the event of disaster, legal affairs pertaining to compensation for smog devices, legislative analysis of statutes relating to the Air Resources Board, and Environmental Protection Agency reports concerning air quality standards.

Folder F3935: **7. Administrative Files. 1981-1982.**  
248-273.

**Physical Description:** 25 file folders.

**Scope and Content Note**

Arranged chronologically.

The subjects contained in these files were created to reflect the relationship between the Air Resources Board and its Chief Meteorologist and his staff. The records include correspondence, reports, and audits. Subjects within these files concern audits of program activities within the Data Division, operational records concerning the Aerometric Data Division, and correspondence relating to air quality data.

## 8. Subject Files. 1969-1976.

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Folder F3935:27483 **Subject Files. 1969-1976.**

**Physical Description:** 100 file folders.

**Scope and Content Note**

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Subject files created for various issues within the Evaluation and Planning Division. Types of materials include federal grant applications, budgets, correspondence, energy workshops, future studies and population projections, land use and transportation plans, federal and state legislation, powerplants, reports, and studies. The subjects contained in these files reflect the relationship between the Air Resources Board, private contractors, and regional pollution control districts. The records also reflect the interagency liaison between the Air Resources Board and various state agencies in all aspects of pollution control, and plans for land use, transportation, and power plant sitings.

Folder F3935:374934 **Local Government Planning Files. 1971-1974.**

**Physical Description:** 11 file folders.

**Scope and Content Note**

Arranged alphabetically by county and by subject thereafter.

Files created to reflect air quality data in California counties. Types of materials include correspondence, reports, and air quality standards. Subjects include the relationship between the Air Resources Board and local governments, and air quality maintenance guidelines and grant guidelines for federally assisted programs. Counties represented in these files are Los Angeles, Riverside, San Benito, San Diego, Stanislaus, and Ventura counties.

Folder F3935:385141 Land Use Files. 1970-1976.

**Physical Description:** 61 file folders.

**Scope and Content Note**

Arranged alphabetically by county and by subject thereafter.

The files reflect the land use planning issues of the Evaluation and Planning Division. Types of materials include city land use and transportation plans, reports, correspondence, and administrative files. These files reflect the relationship between the Air Resources Board, local governments, and various state agencies. In 1973 the Land Use Planning Program (LUPP) was created to develop a liaison between local, regional and state agencies by integrating state and local air quality and land use planning, and these files reflect that relationship. Counties represented in these files are Alameda, Fresno, Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Sonoma, and Yolo counties.

\*On two aperture cards in F3935:435 there is a 74 page report by the U. S. Senate Committee on Public Works entitled, *Some Environmental Implications of the National Fuel Policy* (1974)